



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 458

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Substitute House Bill No. 5251

House of Representatives, April 5, 2016

The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. ABERCROMBIE of the 83rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF MEDICAID-FUNDED STATE PROGRAMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Social
2 Services shall conduct a study of Medicaid-funded state programs
3 administered under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, as amended
4 from time to time. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to,
5 a report on: (1) Factors the commissioner deems pertinent to quality of
6 care; (2) whether there are any gaps in access by eligible residents; and
7 (3) whether any provisions of the program need to be changed in
8 accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L.
9 111-148, as amended from time to time.
- 10 (b) Not later than July 1, 2017, the commissioner, in accordance with
11 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, shall report the
12 results of the study done pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to
13 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having

14 cognizance of matters relating to human services. Such report may
15 include the commissioner's recommendations for addressing identified
16 gaps in the provision of services and improving access to such
17 services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(a), "Medicaid programs" was changed to "Medicaid-funded state programs" for clarity; "as amended from time to time" was added after "Social Security Act" for accuracy and consistency; and "Affordable Care Act" was changed to "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" for accuracy.

HS *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to study and report on Medicaid programs in the state, is not anticipated to result in a cost, as DSS has the expertise available to do so.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

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